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H. R. 3995

To establish procedures governing the responsibilities of court-appointed receivers who administer departments, offices, and agencies of the District of Columbia government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON (for herself and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
5 Receivership Accountability Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO RECEIVERS WITH**
2 **RESPONSIBILITIES OVER DISTRICT OF CO-**
3 **LUMBIA GOVERNMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each District of Columbia re-
5 ceiver shall be subject to the requirements described in
6 section 3.

7 (b) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RECEIVER DEFINED.—
8 In this Act, a “District of Columbia receiver” is any re-
9 ceiver or other official appointed by the United States Dis-
10 trict Court for the District of Columbia or the Superior
11 Court of the District of Columbia during 1995 or any suc-
12 ceeding year to administer any department, agency, or of-
13 fice of the government of the District of Columbia.

14 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED.**

15 (a) COST CONTROL.—Each District of Columbia re-
16 ceiver who is responsible for the administration of a de-
17 partment, agency, or office of the government of the Dis-
18 trict of Columbia shall ensure that the costs incurred in
19 the administration of such department, agency, or office
20 (including personnel costs of the receiver) are consistent
21 with applicable regional and national standards, except
22 that the court appointing the receiver may waive the appli-
23 cation of this subsection to the receiver during an interim
24 period (not to exceed 2 years) which begins on the date
25 the receiver assumes responsibility for the administration
26 of such department, agency, or office.

1 (b) USE OF BEST PRACTICES TO PROMOTE EFFI-
2 CIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION.—Each
3 District of Columbia receiver who is responsible for the
4 administration of a department, agency, or office of the
5 government of the District of Columbia shall carry out the
6 administration of such department, agency, or office
7 through the use of best practices and other methods which
8 promote the financial stability and management efficiency
9 of the government of the District of Columbia.

10 (c) PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BUDGET.—

11 (1) CONSULTATION WITH MAYOR AND CHIEF
12 FINANCIAL OFFICER.—In preparing the annual
13 budget for a fiscal year for the department, agency,
14 or office of the government of the District of Colum-
15 bia administered by the receiver, each District of Co-
16 lumbia receiver shall consult with the Mayor and
17 Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia.

18 (2) SUBMISSION OF ESTIMATES.—After the
19 consultation required under paragraph (1), the re-
20 ceiver shall prepare and submit to the Mayor, for in-
21 clusion in the annual budget of the District of Co-
22 lumbia for the year, the receiver's estimates of the
23 expenditures and appropriations necessary for the
24 maintenance and operation of the department, agen-
25 cy, or office for the year.

1 (3) TREATMENT BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL.—

2 The estimates submitted under paragraph (2) shall
3 be forwarded by the Mayor to the Council for its ac-
4 tion pursuant to sections 446 and 603(c) of the Dis-
5 trict of Columbia Home Rule Act, without revision
6 but subject to the Mayor's recommendations. Not-
7 withstanding any provision of the District of Colum-
8 bia Home Rule Act, the Council may comment or
9 make recommendations concerning such estimates
10 but shall have no authority under such Act to revise
11 such estimates.

12 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
13 apply with respect to fiscal year 2001 and each suc-
14 ceeding fiscal year.

15 (d) ANNUAL FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT.—

16 The Inspector General of the District of Columbia shall
17 conduct an annual fiscal and management audit of each
18 department, agency, or office of the government of the
19 District of Columbia administered by a District of Colum-
20 bia receiver, and each District of Columbia receiver shall
21 provide the Inspector General with such information and
22 assistance as the Inspector General may require to con-
23 duct such audit.

24 (e) PROCUREMENT.—Each District of Columbia re-
25 ceiver shall carry out procurement on behalf of the depart-

1 ment, agency, or office of the government of the District
2 of Columbia administered by the receiver through the
3 Chief Procurement Officer of the District of Columbia, in
4 accordance with applicable policies and practices estab-
5 lished by the Chief Procurement Officer for departments,
6 agencies, and offices of the government of the District of
7 Columbia.

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